

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1-28. (cancelled)

29. (currently amended) A medium according to claim ~~42-62~~, wherein in the case where said computer uses a dial-up connection for a connection to the network, the user identification information which is used for said information obtaining request is obtained from a setting input of said dial-up connection.

30. (currently amended) A medium according to claim ~~42-62~~, wherein in the case where said computer uses a connection other than said dial-up connection for the connection to said network, the user identification information which is inputted from the user is used for said information obtaining request.

31. (currently amended) A medium according to claim ~~42-62~~, wherein after a fact that a client is a registered user of said server was recognized from a set mail address, the information obtaining request using said user identification information is performed.

32-39. (canceled)

40. (currently amended) A medium according to claim ~~42-63~~, wherein the reception of said obtaining request from said client and the transmission of said connection information to said client are processed by a protocol having a security function.

41-43. (cancelled)

44. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~42-60~~, wherein in the case where said computer uses a dial-up connection for a connection to the network, the user identification information which is used for said information obtaining request is obtained from a setting input of said dial-up connection.

45. (currently amended) A method according to claim 42-~~60~~, wherein in the case where said computer uses a connection other than said dial-up connection for the connection to said network, the user identification information which is inputted from the user is used for said information obtaining request.

46. (currently amended) A method according to claim 42-~~60~~, wherein after a fact that a client is a registered user of said server was recognized from a set mail address, the information obtaining request using said user identification information is performed.

47. (cancelled)

48. (currently amended) A method according to claim 42-~~60~~, wherein said obtaining request to said server and the reception of said connection information from said server are processed by a protocol having a security function.

49-54. (cancelled)

55. (currently amended) A method according to claim 42-~~61~~, wherein the reception of said obtaining request from said client and the transmission of said connection information to said client are processed by a protocol having a security function.

56-58. (cancelled)

59. (currently amended) A transfer control method of a network system constructed by a client and a sever, comprising:

establishing connection of a hypertext transfer protocol between the client and the server via the network upon transmitting operation carried out by designating a file to be disclosed in server's Web page by the client;

transmitting from the client to the server a request for acquisition of connection information necessary for establishing connection of a file transfer protocol with user identification information including an account name and a password;

determining whether or not a Web page corresponding to said account name is open, when a user registration is confirmed by means of the account name and the password shown in said request for acquisition upon receipt of the request for acquisition of said connection information by the server from the client;

if open, acquiring connection information necessary for establishing connection of the file transfer protocol to an open Web page;

if not open, opening a Web page corresponding to said account name, and then, acquiring connection information necessary for establishing the file transfer protocol to a newly opened Web page;

transmitting said connection information acquired in said acquiring or said opening from the server to the client in accordance with said hypertext transfer protocol for which connection has been established;

establishing connection of the file transfer protocol between the client and the server by setting a received connection information in the file transfer protocol upon receipt of the connection information by the client from said server;

transferring said open file designated by said transmitting operation from the client to the server in accordance with said file transfer protocol for which connection has been established; and

upon receipt of said open file by the server, storing the received open file in a folder corresponding to a Web page already open to permit opening of the Web page, and

wherein said connection information includes a server name, an account, a password, a homepage address, and a homepage folder name in file transfer protocol.

60. (currently amended) A transfer control method of a client connected to a server via network, comprising:

establishing connection of a hypertext transfer protocol between the client and the server via the network upon transmitting operation carried out by designating a file to be disclosed in server's Web page by the client;

transmitting from the client to the server a request for acquisition of connection information necessary for establishing connection of a file transfer protocol with user identification information including an account name and a password;

establishing connection of the file transfer protocol between the client and the server by setting a received connection information in the file transfer protocol upon receipt of the connection information by the client from said server; and

transferring said open file designated by said transmitting operation from the client to the server in accordance with said file transfer protocol for which connection has been established to permit opening of the Web page, and

wherein said connection information includes a server name, an account, a password, a homepage address, and a homepage folder name in file transfer protocol.

61. (currently amended) A transfer control method of a server connected to a client via a network, comprising:

determining whether or not a Web page corresponding to an account name is open, when a user registration is confirmed by means of the account name and a password shown in a request for acquisition upon receipt of a request for acquisition of connection information necessary for establishing connection of a file transfer protocol incorporating user identification information including the account name and the password from said client in accordance with a hypertext transfer protocol of which connection has been established;

if open, acquiring connection information necessary for establishing connection of the file transfer protocol to an open Web page;

if not open, opening a Web page corresponding to said account name, and then, acquiring connection information necessary for establishing the file transfer protocol to a newly opened Web page;

transmitting said connection information acquired in said acquiring or said opening from the server to the client in accordance with said hypertext transfer protocol for which connection has been established; and

upon receipt of the open file from the client in accordance with the file transfer protocol of which connection has been established by the client with the server by setting the connection information transmitted from said server in the file transfer protocol, storing the received open file in a folder corresponding to the already opened Web page to permit opening of the Web page, and

wherein said connection information includes a server name, an account, a password, a homepage address, and a homepage folder name in file transfer protocol.

62. (currently amended) A recording medium storing a program to be executed by a computer composing a client connected to a server via a network, wherein said program causes said computer to execute, comprising:

establishing connection of a hypertext transfer protocol between the client and the server via the network upon transmitting operation carried out by designating a file to be disclosed in server's Web page by the client;

transmitting from the client to the server a request for acquisition of connection information necessary for establishing connection of a file transfer protocol with user identification information including an account name and a password;

establishing connection of the file transfer protocol between the client and the server by setting a received connection information in the file transfer protocol upon receipt of the connection information by the client from said server; and

transferring said open file designated by said transmitting operation from the client to the server in accordance with said file transfer protocol for which connection has been established to permit opening of the Web page, and

wherein said connection information includes a server name, an account, a password, a homepage address, and a homepage folder name in file transfer protocol.

63. (currently amended) A recording medium storing a program to be executed by a computer composing a server connected to a client via a network, wherein said program causes said computer to execute, comprising:

determining whether or not a Web page corresponding to an account name is open, when a user registration is confirmed from the account name and a password shown in a request for acquisition and agreement of the password is identified upon receipt of the request for acquisition of connection information necessary for establishing connection of a file transfer protocol incorporating user identification information including the account name and the password from said client in accordance with a hypertext transfer protocol of which connection has been established;

if open, acquiring connection information necessary for establishing connection of the file transfer protocol to an open Web page;

if not open, opening a Web page corresponding to said account name, and then, acquiring connection information necessary for establishing the file transfer protocol to a newly opened Web page;

transmitting said connection information acquired in said acquiring or said opening from the server to the client in accordance with said hypertext transfer protocol for which connection has been established; and

upon receipt of an open file from the client in accordance with the file transfer protocol of

which connection is established by the client with the server by setting the connection information transmitted from said server in the file transfer protocol, storing a received open file in a folder corresponding to the already opened Web page to permit opening of the Web page, and

wherein said connection information includes a server name, an account, a password, a homepage address, and a homepage folder name in file transfer protocol.

64. (new) The method according to claim 59, wherein in a case where a connection to a network is a dial-up connection, said client obtains the user identification information which is used for said information obtaining request from a setting input of the dial-up connection.

65. (new) The method according to claim 59, wherein in a case where a connection to the network is other than a dial-up connection, said client uses the user identification information which is inputted from the user for said information obtaining request.

66. (new) The method according to claim 59, wherein after a fact that the client is a registered user of said server was recognized from a set mail address, said client issues the information obtaining request using said user identification information.

67. (new) The method according to claim 59, wherein the obtaining request of said connection information and its response between said client and said server are processed by a protocol having a security function.

68. (new) A method, comprising:

acquiring information necessary to establish a file transfer protocol between a client and a server by the server automatically establishing a Web page that corresponds to an account name when the Web page is not established;

establishing the file transfer protocol between the client and the server after the client receives the information necessary to establish the file transfer protocol;

transferring a designated file to be stored in a folder of the Web page from the client to the server; and

storing the designated file in the folder that corresponds to the established Web page to permit opening of the Web page.